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The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

ACTION ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER ALL DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AGENDA ITEMS (continued) (A/C.1/48/L.3/Rev.1, L.5/Rev.1, L.11, L.26/Rev.3, L.31/Rev.1, L.43/Rev.1, L.45/Rev.1, L.49, L.50/Rev.1, L.54 and L.56)

Draft amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.45/Rev.1 (A/C.1/48/L.54)

1. Ms. MASON (Canada) announced that after consultations, the sponsors of the draft resolution had accepted the amendment proposed by India (A/C.1/48/L.54).

Draft amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.34 (A/C.1/48/L.49)

2. Mr. MARIN BOSCH (Mexico) orally revised the Mexican amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.34, issued as document A/C.1/48/L.49: in the second line, the words "the determination" should be replaced by "the wish", and the last phrase, beginning with "including" and ending with "the Convention", should be deleted.

Draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.5/Rev.1

3. Mr. KHERADI (Secretary of the Committee) announced that the Committee would proceed to vote on the eighteenth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.5/Rev.1, then on operative paragraph 8, then on operative paragraph 12, and finally on the draft resolution as a whole.

4. The eighteenth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.5/Rev.1 was adopted by 102 votes to none, with 32 abstentions.

5. Operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.5/Rev.1 was adopted by 110 votes to 1, with 22 abstentions.

6. Operative paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.5/Rev.1 was adopted by 95 votes to none, with 35 abstentions.

7. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take action on the draft resolution as a whole.

8. Draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.5/Rev.1 was adopted by 136 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

9. Mr. KELLER (Germany), explaining his delegation's position, said that Germany, whose representative had for the past year been Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space, would have liked to become a sponsor of the draft resolution, but had been unable to do so because it could not reach an understanding with the sponsors on paragraph 8. The scope of the agreements was too vague, and that did not reflect the consensus which had emerged within the Ad Hoc Committee over the past year. He pointed out in addition that the last preambular paragraph, while taken from the report, was quoted out of context.

10. Mr. LEDOGAR (United States of America), speaking in explanation of vote, said that he had abstained for a number of reasons, and particularly because the United States did not recognize that there was an arms race in outer space, and therefore felt that there was no reason to consider that there was a grave danger for international peace and security. For the same reason, the United States could not accept the fourteenth preambular paragraph. Regarding the eleventh preambular paragraph, the task of the Ad Hoc Committee was to negotiate. As to operative paragraph 10, it should have been deleted, because it was totally out of date.

11. Mr. ERRERA (France), speaking in explanation of vote, recalled that in 1992 France had co-sponsored the draft resolution on the prevention of an arms race in outer space, because it had included a paragraph emphasizing confidence-building measures. In 1993, the work of the Ad Hoc Committee conducted under the leadership of the representative of Germany had placed the emphasis on the search for such measures, the only area in which a consensus could have emerged. It would have been desirable for the draft resolution to give a better reflection of the Committee's work. Accordingly, France had proposed a draft relating to the eighteenth preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 8, but it had not been taken into account. His delegation had thus abstained in the vote on those two paragraphs.

Draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.26/Rev.3

12. Draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.26/Rev.3 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.43/Rev.1

13. The CHAIRMAN, after announcing that Mauritania had agreed to withdraw the amendment it had proposed at the previous meeting, invited the Committee to adopt the draft resolution without a vote.

14. Draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.43/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

15. Mr. DANIELI (Israel), explaining his position after the decision, said that he had not wished to dissociate himself from the consensus, but that he had reservations regarding paragraphs 6 and 10, which in his view were out of place in the resolution.

16. Mr. GÜYEN (Turkey) pointed out that the resolution just adopted referred, in particular in paragraph 6, to meetings in which Turkey had not participated. Accordingly, his delegation wished to clarify that the fact that it had joined the consensus did not mean that it subscribed to all the decisions taken at the meetings in question.

Draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.3/Rev.1

17. Mr. PERRI (Brazil), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, explained its broad outlines and read out its most important provisions.

18. At the request of a delegation, a recorded vote was taken on draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.3/Rev.1.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: United States of America.

19. The draft resolution was adopted by 139 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

20. Mr. LEDOGAR (United States of America), speaking in explanation of vote, said that as the sponsors of the draft resolution had changed the formulation of paragraph 12 in a way which tended to prejudge the results of the Conference on Disarmament, the United States had been compelled to abstain in the vote.

Proposed amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.11

21. The CHAIRMAN said that with a view to overcoming the difficulties that stood in the way of consensus adoption of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.11, he had suggested the addition to the eighth preambular paragraph of the phrase "in accordance with article 11 of the Convention". He urged delegations to seek a compromise with a view to arriving at a consensus on the two texts under consideration.

Draft amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.31/Rev.1 (A/C.1/48/L.56)

22. Mr. RIVERO (Cuba) said that, as the two proposed amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.31/Rev.1 it had put forward had not been accepted by the sponsors, his delegation was putting them formally before the Committee in document A/C.1/48/L.56. He pointed out nevertheless that that document contained not the Cuban amendments themselves, but the text which would result from their acceptance.

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.